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Judiciary Schedules Airings of Video on Judicial Independence

"Broken Scales: Justice Under Influence," a video about judicial independence, will air on Oceanic Channel 16 and KITV-4, beginning Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002. The Hawai'i Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates presented the video to the Hawai'i State Judiciary to use in its ongoing efforts to educate the public about the court's role in the American justice system.

The video shows a man who is unfairly arrested and convicted of a crime he did not commit. Fortunately, it is only a nightmare and he awakens to a new understanding of freedom and judicial independence. Judicial independence is the freedom judges must have to make decisions based solely on the facts and laws of the case without fear of reprisal. The video concludes with Hawai'i Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon explaining to a group of students why it is so important for judges to be independent when making their decisions.

The airings on Oceanic Channel 16 are as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 22	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 6	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 20	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 23	6:30 p.m.

KITV-4 will air the video at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26.

The video and specially-developed lesson plans about judicial independence have been distributed to all public and private intermediate and senior high schools throughout the state for use by civics and social studies teachers.

For more information, contact the Judiciary's Public Affairs Office at (808) 539-4909.

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